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Hi, Folks!

Today is Sunday, - and here I am right on schedule! - Maybe I shouldn't start bragging until it's all finished and ready for mailing, tho, huk?

Been nibbling on some of those Rockwood "Bits" (chocolate) that were in my last package. - Ate some yesterday - and on the 2nd hand full, today, I noticed a sign on the box that they were "good to eat, too"! - Imagine my embarrassment if after eating all I had, they hadn't been good for eating! - Guess I'll just have to make sure I read all the signs + stuff, hereafter, 'cause I might

2! just accidentally eat something
I'm not supposed to. How
~~tragic~~ tragic!

I'm "off" today, as you can
see. - And it really feels good. - Have
had several days in ~~the~~ a row
because of weather - and could
still take a few more without
complaining! But that's not to be,
cause I'll be "on" tomorrow without
a doubt. - In fact, can't truthfully
say why I'm not "on" today. - These
days we make several missions
in a row without a let up. -
Would like to see a few new
crews put in an appearance for
more reasons than one! -

- Just had lunch. - or at least
soup & pears for dessert. - Lately our

3!
food has hit a new low so we all just go to the mess hall as a matter of course. Most of our eating is being done in ~~and~~ our tents in the form of eggs + toast made from bread we bring back from the meals.

Once in awhile we get us a chicken and roast it in our home made oven.

Hell, - gotta leave you for awhile, see my name is on the board to test-hop a new ship we just received! After we get them in, we give them a thorough inspection and then test-hop 'em to see if the ship, guns, + everything is O.K. for combat! We always do some good buzz jobs as part of it and try flying on a single engine to see how it performs. - It will be the first chance I've had to "just fly" in quite some time so I

4! will probably work a lot of kinks
out of my system! - Don't you want
to come along for about a 2 hr.

hop? - I've got 2 Capts. going along -
even got one for a copilot! - However
I doing for a 2nd Lt?

- - After supper - and a game of
rummy! -

Hell, here I am, back in the
tent, back to my letter, and not too
far to bed time! -

We flew for a little over 2 hours
this afternoon - had to go out to sea
for most of it because of not so
good weather locally. - Everything went
fine except a "runaway" turret gun
shot up my tail - and everytime we
would try to do a "single engine" - the
oil in our one remaining engine
would congeal! - It really gets cold up there!

—5! these days, believe me! -

Hell, - I got my pictures this afternoon. - The ones I mentioned Capt Hahn arranged for? - The only trouble is the subject! The photography is good - everything nice - except for old "sourpuss". - Wouldn't you know I would mess them up, - knowing that there would be no retakes and trying hard to have a pleasant expression! -

There's quite a story behind it all - First off, I was mashed down there and then had to wait for 2 hours after I got there! - I was mad, and when the photographer told me to look at the camera - I could just feel myself boring into the insides! -

But for the proof that I don't always look so mad, - most everyone

-6! asks me, "what in the world are you fixing to snap at?" - Anyway - I wasn't going to send these at all - but I finally decided that you should know what I look like - and combat really isn't quite so hard on me. - Look at em for yourself but no passing around - maybe I can have another one made soon! The clothes I have on are just about what I wear most all the time, except for the tie. That's the first tie I've worn since my last trip to Tunis!

The other night I sorta renewed my hand at the photography business myself! - Borrowed all the necessary ingredients and developed two rolls of exposed films I had taken - due that I took in rest camp! Didn't have any "hardening agent" so lost some few of the pictures due to too soft an emulsion and the films not being good for

? handling - anyway - am trying to
get some strip prints made now
so as soon as I have them I'll send
the pictures along with the ~~pictures~~
negatives like I did before! -

Got a V-mail from Sister & Fred
today - Sister's told of your having
visited with Patsy Laly - Fred's was
just a letter from Fred as only his
can be! - Know what I mean? - Oh, yes,
also got one from Lucius & his wife.

Hell, again - the gang's gathering
for their before bed time snack - so
guess I might as well give up trying
to write more and rest on my laurels.

So - once more - bear kindly with
the pictures enclosed herewith and
hope there might be better ones in
my own negatives from my "Argus".

Bye & Goodnight - Lots of love,

Frank